

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 5, lines 20 – 26 (paragraph [0021]):

According to another aspect of the invention, for the case where  $n=2^m$ , we envisage advantageously that the device comprises  $n-1$  modules of three-pole type, distributed as  $\lfloor m-1 \rfloor$   $\underline{m}$  groups of rank 0 to  $m-1$ , such that to the group of rank  $i$  there corresponds  $2^i$  modules, each associated with  $n/2^i$  elements arranged as two assemblies so as to form a pair, the modules of the said group of rank  $i \neq 0$  being dimensioned so as to have a gain in current  $2^i$  times as large as the gain in current of the module of the group of rank 0.

Page 5, lines 27-34 (paragraph [0022]):

According to another aspect of the invention, for the case where  $n=2^{m-x}$ , characterized in that it comprises a number  $l$  of modules of three-pole type, with  $n-1-x < l \leq n-1$  modules, distributed as  $\lfloor m-1 \rfloor$   $\underline{m}$  groups of rank 0 to  $m-1$ , such that to the group of rank  $i$  there corresponds at most  $2^i$  modules, each associated with  $n/2^i$  elements arranged as two assemblies so as to form a pair, the modules of the said group of rank  $i \neq 0$  being dimensioned so as to have a gain in current  $2^i$  times as large as the gain in current of the module of the group of rank 0.

Page 13, lines 1 – 8 (paragraph [0082]):

In the case where  $x > 1$ , the equilibrating system can be simplified by eliminating from the system any module which would have all its terminals A, B, G linked to virtual elements. We have then  $l$  modules with  $n-1-x < l \leq n-1$ . In this case, the  $l$  modules are distributed as  $\lfloor m-1 \rfloor$   $\underline{m}$  groups of rank 0 to  $m-1$ , such that to the group of rank  $i$  there corresponds at most  $2^i$  modules ( $M1_0, M1_1$ ), each associated with  $n/2^i$  elements arranged as two assemblies so as to form a pair, the modules of the said group of rank  $i \neq 0$  being dimensioned so as to pass  $2^i$  times more current than the module  $M0$ .